

Application No. 10/758,756
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of correcting defects in a label resulting from a non-uniform application of adhesive to a surface of the label prior to applying the label to a container, said method including the following steps:

- a. applying an adhesive to a surface of a label in a non-uniform manner to cause at least one regions of said surface to be substantially devoid of said adhesive, and after applying said adhesive;
- b. applying a fluid to said container in selected locations in substantial alignment only with regions on said surface that are substantially devoid of said adhesive ~~in said regions~~ to substantially fill said regions.

2. – 3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, including the step of selecting said fluid to have a clarity compatible with the clarity of said adhesive.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, including the step of selecting an adhesive as said fluid.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, including the step of selecting a non-adhesive as said fluid.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 6, including the step of selecting said fluid from the group consisting of mineral oil, glycerin, fatty acid alcohol, other glycols and vegetable oil.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said other glycols include epoxy end-capped polypropylene glycol and alcohol flow aids.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 8, wherein said alcohol flow aids include propoxylated neopentyl glycol.

10. - 17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The method of claim 1, including the step of selecting a radiation curable adhesive as said adhesive.

19. - 20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The method of claim 1, including the step of selecting a cold glue adhesive as said adhesive.

22. - 34. (Canceled)

35. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of applying an adhesive to a surface of a label in a non-uniform manner is carried out by applying the adhesive to a surface of a transfer pad having at least one discontinuity therein and transferring the adhesive from the transfer pad to a surface of the label in regions other than regions overlying said discontinuities, regions of said label surface aligned with said discontinuities in the transfer pad being substantially devoid of said adhesive.